



## Getting Ready **Fur Fun**

Salisbury will welcome its first ever dog park soon. The Dog PAWS Dog Park is a collaborative effort between The Dog PAWS Task Force and Parks and Recreation. The park includes one acre of land and will be located behind the Salisbury Civic Center. To prevent any "ruff" play, the park will be divided between small and large dogs, so fur parents and their furry friends will feel safe.

Before the park can be opened there is some work to be done including, 980 feet of new fence, water stations, and beautification to the park, adding shrubbery and trees.

Stephen Brown, landscape architect, said the park is making tremendous progress. So far the fence has been taken down at the tennis courts, and grading is being completed. Once the grading is completed the next step is to run a water line. The Dog PAWS Task Force aims to have the park's grand opening in early October.

## City Council

Mayor Al Heggins

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## A Paw-some Pool Party

Cool off with your beloved pet at the Fred M. Evans Pool during the annual Doggie Dip Swim Party on Saturday, September 8. This special day is for all well-mannered dogs and their handlers. In an effort to ensure safety for everyone, there are Doggie Dip rules:

- All dogs must be on leash when not in the water
- All owners and dogs must know how to swim
- Dog handlers must be age 18+
- No more than two (2) dogs per handler
- Proof of rabies vaccination (tag) on display at all times
- No dogs in heat permitted
- Handlers must clean up after dog and provide their own waste bags. Temporary waste stations will be available.
- Limit of 25 dogs per time frame/weight classification

In addition, the swimming time varies depending on the weight of dogs:

- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - small dogs (up to 25 lbs.)
- 2:30 to 4 p.m. - medium dogs (26-50 lbs.)
- 4 to 5:30 p.m. - large dogs (51+ lbs.)

Handlers can pay the \$5 per dog entry fee on-site and only cash will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the Dog PAWS fundraising efforts to construct Salisbury's first dog park. For more information, visit [salisburync.gov/PLAY](http://salisburync.gov/PLAY).



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## EVENT CALENDAR: OCTOBER

### City Council Meetings

Attend public city council meetings to find out what's happening in your city.

**Tuesday, October 2 and 16** - starts at 5 p.m.  
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

### Busker's Bash

The best local talent comes together to perform in front of participating downtown businesses from 6 to 8 p.m. Vote for your favorite by throwing a Busker's Bash guitar pick into a performer's bucket. Grand finale to follow!

**Friday, October 5** - from 5 to 9 p.m.  
Downtown Salisbury

### La Fiesta de Rowan

National Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 through October 15. In honor of this annual recognition, the Hispanic Coalition of Salisbury will once again host its annual La Fiesta de Rowan celebration in downtown Salisbury.

**Saturday, October 6** - from 12 to 5 p.m.  
Downtown Salisbury, 100 block E. Fisher St.  
*El 15 de Septiembre hasta el 15 de Octubre es el mes de la herencia hispana nacional. En honor de este reconocimiento, La Coalición Hispana de Salisbury tendrá el evento anual, La Fiesta de Rowan, en el centro de Salisbury.*  
**Sábado, Octubre 6** - de 12 a 5 p.m.  
El Centro de Salisbury, bloque 100 de E. Fisher St.

### Halloween Funfest

Celebrate this spooky holiday with food, trick-or-treating and games. \$5 for unlimited game play and activities.

**Saturday, October 27** - from 3 to 6 p.m.  
Salisbury City Hall Parking Lot (217 S. Main St.)

### BlockWork 2018

This annual project brings community and volunteers together to improve neighborhoods. Volunteer at [salisburync.gov/BlockWork](http://salisburync.gov/BlockWork)

**Saturday, October 27** - from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
400 block of S. Lee St.

## Summer Internship Inspires Local Students

Students looking for a great way to gain work experience, make valuable connections, and get involved in the community can find a number of opportunities through internships with the City. This summer, Salisbury welcomed several interns in various departments.

"My first time meeting the finance department, I was shocked with how welcomed I was, how passionate the department is about their jobs, and how eager they were to teach me," said Hawke Blust, accounting intern and Rowan-Cabarrus Community College student. Blust spent his summer interning with the finance department.

In addition to college students, the City also welcomes high school Summer Youth Employees each year. Five Summer Youth Employees were selected in 2018. To be chosen, students must submit an application and go through an interview process. The paid Summer Youth Employment program spans 10 weeks, and provides students with valuable work experience.



Gwen Watkins was one of the applicants who were selected to be a Summer Youth Employee. Gwen said that her favorite experience interning with the city was being able to meet with the city attorney because one day she wants to become a lawyer. She said that she enjoyed the work because it allowed her to be in an office, but it also allowed her to be out in the community.

For more information on summer internship opportunities, students should visit [salisburync.gov/HumanResources](http://salisburync.gov/HumanResources) in early spring.

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## GO TRANSIT MONTH

WWW.SALISBURYNC.GOV/TRANSIT (704) 638-5252

### #PositiveGossip



We're sharing the #PositiveGossip that's going on @CitySalisburyNC!



#### SFD CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Engine 4 conducted some public education, and neighborhood kids took advantage of the soak down on a hot evening on Admiral Drive for #NationalNightOut2018 #SalisburyNightOut



**Tweeted August 7**

[www.twitter.com/SalisburyNCFire](https://www.twitter.com/SalisburyNCFire)



#### HURLEY PARK BUTTERFLY EVENT SUCCESS

We were overwhelmed with our attendance! Last year we had around 50, this year we had over 400 people!! Thank you for all of the support! We are constantly improving and will plan better for future events. Hope to see you next year!!!



**Posted August 5**

[www.facebook.com/HurleyParkSalisbury](https://www.facebook.com/HurleyParkSalisbury)



#### PROGRESS CONTINUES FOR MEMORIAL

Construction is underway for phase one of the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project! #DLMemorial



**Posted August 3**

[www.facebook.com/DixonvilleLincolnMemorial](https://www.facebook.com/DixonvilleLincolnMemorial)



#### OFFICER HELP DONATION FIND A HOME

As part of Officer Dishman's normal patrol duties, he came across a lady who wanted to donate some material. Officer Dishman said that he would find a good home for the material. Today Officer Dishman met with the Ruffy Holmes Senior Center quilting group and donated the material to them. The talented ladies told him that the material would be put to good use. They will be making cuddle blankets for children they are served by Family Crises Council and they also make beautiful valor quilts to donate to our veterans.



**Posted August 16**

[www.facebook.com/SalisburyPoliceDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/SalisburyPoliceDepartment)



#### BLOCKWORK TEAM RACES DRAGON BOAT

The City of Salisbury Dragon Boat Team, the 'Aqua-holics' representing BlockWork on Saturday! With a final race time of 1:19.86 they did awesome job!



**Posted July 31**

[www.facebook.com/BlockworkSalisburyNC](https://www.facebook.com/BlockworkSalisburyNC)



## Mayor Hosts Free Youth Baseball/Softball Camp

Salisbury Mayor Al Heggins will host a free baseball and softball camp for local youth at Catawba College, Saturday, Sept. 8, as part of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) support of Major League Baseball's (MLB) "PLAY BALL SUMMER" initiative. The program focuses on the fun nature of baseball and encourages widespread participation in related activities.

Salisbury boys and girls, ages seven to 15, will receive instruction from the Catawba College baseball and softball teams at the campus' Newman Park baseball field located at 598 Summit Ave., from 9 a.m. until noon. Free transportation will be provided from Hall Gym and the Civic Center, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is recommended by calling (704) 638-5286.

Information is available at PlayBall.org, which provides parents, coaches and children with information about baseball skills, links to youth-related news and events, searchable maps with links to community baseball leagues, health and safety information.



Mayor Al Heggins with the Salisbury High School Baseball Team



## BLOCKWORK

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

**"Make A Difference Day" | Saturday, Oct. 27 | 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
400 block of South Lee Street**

BlockWork brings residents and community volunteers together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods, one block at a time!

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER BY MONDAY, OCT. 1**



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## SPD & DOJ OJP Share Assessment Findings

The Salisbury Police Department (SPD), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (DOJ OJP), hosted two public information sessions with City Council and the general public last month to announce the findings of a recent police department assessment.

In 2017, SPD requested the assistance of the DOJ OJP to conduct an assessment of the department internal capabilities, violent crime trends and reduction strategies, and community engagement efforts. OJP staff spent several months reviewing SPD reported crime and police call location data, conducted SPD and law enforcement partner agency staff interviews, and conducted interviews with key members of the community; including business owners, faith-based leaders, and neighborhood representatives. After gathering this information, Diagnostic Center staff developed a Training and Technical Assistance Recommendation report to provide SPD a guide for improving the police department and community response to violent crime.

The assessment presentation to City Council is available on the City's vimeo.com channel, ACCESS16, while the physical report can be viewed on the SPD webpage at [salisburync.gov/Police](http://salisburync.gov/Police).